

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Congress.....\$15 00
For Circuit Judge.....10 00
For County Officers.....5 00
For Township Officers.....2 50
Terms: Cash in Advance.

For Circuit Judge.

We are authorized to announce JOHN L. THOMAS as a candidate for re-election as Judge of the 20th Judicial Circuit, subject to the decision of the Democratic Primary Convention of the Circuit.

To the Democrats of the 20th Judicial Circuit:
I served the people once as their Circuit Judge—I trust not unacceptably. For twenty years, since retiring, I have served you unofficially, with no asking or accepting any office. If it please you, elect me your Judge, (for which office I offer myself a candidate), I will devote to the discharge of the duties thereof the best of my ability, and my head and heart. Always a Democrat, I am, of course, subject to the Democratic Convention, Ironton, Mo., April 1, 1886.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.
We are authorized to announce DAVID CLARKSON as a candidate for the office of Representative of Iron county, Mo., subject to the decision of the Democratic Primary Election.

We are authorized to announce J. E. LOW as a candidate for the office of Representative of Iron county, Mo., subject to the decision of the Democratic Primary Election.

FOR COLLECTOR.
We are authorized to announce CHAS. H. COLLINS as a candidate for the office of Collector of Iron county, Mo., subject to the decision of the Democratic Primary Election.

We are authorized to announce SIMEON E. HUFF as a candidate for the office of Collector of Iron county, Mo., subject to the decision of the Democratic Primary Election.

FOR TREASURER.
We are authorized to announce WM. H. WHITWORTH as a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Iron county, Mo., subject to the decision of the Democratic Primary Election.

FOR SHERIFF.
We are authorized to announce B. F. BONE as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Iron county, Mo., subject to the decision of the Democratic Primary Election.

We are authorized to announce PRES. W. WHITWORTH as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Iron county, Mo., subject to the decision of the Democratic Primary Election.

FOR ASSESSOR.
We are authorized to announce SAM. P. REYBURN as a candidate for the office of Assessor of Iron county, Mo., subject to the decision of the Democratic Primary Election.

We are authorized to announce JOHN W. HARRAL as a candidate for the office of Assessor of Iron county, Mo., subject to the decision of the Democratic Primary Election.

We are authorized to announce R. M. OMOHUNDRO as a candidate for the office of Assessor of Iron county, Mo., subject to the decision of the Democratic Primary Election.

We are authorized to announce C. W. MILLER as a candidate for the office of Assessor of Iron county, Mo., subject to the decision of the Democratic Primary Election.

FOR CIRCUIT CLERK.
We are authorized to announce JOSEPH HUFF as a candidate for the office of Circuit Clerk of Iron county, Mo., subject to the decision of the Democratic Primary Election.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Teachers, read Prof. Scott's advertisement.

The pay-car went down the road last Wednesday.

Money to loan at six per cent. Apply to J. T. Ake, agent.

Services next Sunday, morning and night, at Fort Hill, Arcadia.

The "only Jackson" presents a new ad. this week. Look at it.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Twomey, a son, April 14th, 1886.

Born—To Walter H. Fisher and wife, April 23d, 1886, a daughter.

J. W. Worsnop will preach at Pilot Knob next Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m.

Hon. J. Perry Johnson delivered an address at the courthouse yesterday afternoon.

School teachers of Iron and adjoining counties, read Prof. John B. Scott's advertisement.

One of the pushers got off the track at Hogan last Saturday and delayed No. 604 about two hours.

Several new announcements this week. Next week we shall give more especial attention to them.

There will be an auction (for the Ladies only) at Nalls on Friday, April 30, commencing at 1 o'clock.

Miss Emma Bailey has removed her millinery establishment to the Hughes building, opposite I. O. O. F. Hall.

We learn that Towl & May and Benson & Raney are getting out some fine granite at their quarries near Annapolis.

The mass meeting at the courthouse last Saturday declared, almost unanimously, for Judge Emerson. The proceedings are printed in this paper.

WANTED.—To rent for the summer, in Ironton or Arcadia, a furnished house, eight to ten rooms. Address John A. Dillon, Post-Dispatch, St. Louis.

The District Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will be held at Fort Hill, commencing May 25th, and continuing over Sunday, the 29th.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of Pilot Knob School District, held on Monday last, Prof. John B. Scott, of Ironton, Mo., was unanimously elected to the position of Principal of the schools of the district for the ensuing year, at a salary of \$75 per month, for the term of ten months.

Ben Deering, while addressing a congregation at Benton, Saturday evening, was poisoned by drinking of the water in the glass on the pulpit. Some miscreant had put croton oil in the water. Mr. D. became so ill from its effects that he was taken very ill for a few hours. A necktie party ought to flourish in Benton.

Among the attorneys from abroad in attendance on Circuit Court this week, we notice: J. N. Morrison and D. C. Buzz, of Wayne; L. O. Neider, of Reynolds; Geo. H. Benton, L. M. Davidson and E. R. Leitz, of Benton; Wm. Carver, of St. Francis; L. F. Blaine, of Washington; J. F. Green and Jos. J. Williams, of Jefferson; and Albert A. Blair, of St. Louis.

Judge Thomas came down Monday afternoon, and court began its grinding in earnest next morning, the afternoon being consumed in instructing the grand jury and strengthening out matters preliminary to business. The representation from the bars of the adjacent counties is pretty full. The names of the attorneys are given elsewhere. The case possessing the greatest general interest is perhaps that of the State against Douglas, defaulting ex-collector of Jefferson county. It will be well contested, and a cloud of witnesses will appear on either side. The local docket is neither very large nor important, although there are twelve cases entered in the name of the State.

The Presbyterian Church was beautifully decorated with flowers last Sunday—it being Easter. We are not good at describing that sort of thing, for, to our shame be it said, we scarcely know a begonia from a tiger lily. Be that as it may, however, the flowers in the church were so gracefully displayed and tastefully grouped that he must have been a veritable heathen whose eyes did not fill with pleasure on beholding them.

MARRIED.—At the residence of the bride's father, in South St. Louis, on Wednesday, April 21st, 1886, by Rev. Chandelier, Mr. CHAS. W. RUSSELL to Miss SARAH S. MARSH. The new-made bride and groom came down to the Valley Friday, and are now visiting friends and relatives. Mr. Russell was born and reared in the Valley and is known to everybody as a worthy citizen, and we are assured his choice of a life partner was made with his usual good judgment. We congratulate both, and wish them long and happy life and ways of pleasantness.

The people of Iron county favor a primary election, and are against a convention, to nominate candidates for the county officers, for the following reasons: Because a primary brings out a full expression of the people, and is the will of the people expressed. At a primary, when a man can't come at one time of day, he can at another, thereby guaranteeing a full expression. A delegate convention is not expressive of the will of the people. The people do not and cannot turn out to the township meetings to select delegates, and the not doing so often puts the selection of candidates in the hands of a minority, and a small minority at that. Therefore, give us a primary, where every man has an equal voice and an equal influence.

The Golden Dramatic Company will give an entertainment at the Academy of Music Saturday evening. This will be pleasant news to the people of the Valley, who remember the excellent performance given by this company here about three years ago. The advance agent assures us that the personnel of the troupe has in no way deteriorated, and that the band is the best they have ever had. As this is the only first-class traveling company that has visited us this season, we believe big houses await it. We copy an item from the Dennison (Tex.) News which fully bears out the assertions and claims of the agent.

The spacious opera house was unable to contain the vast audience last night who desired to hear the Golden play, the popular comedy drama, "Jo-Jo." Gallery, dress circle and parquet were overflowed, and the aisles were so packed that standing room was at a premium. The people seemed willing to give any money to hear Bella Golden, Martin Golden and Harry Robinson. Nobody was disappointed. The star manifested a marked degree of nervousness, and rapid transitions from grave to gay, and from pleading to defiance kept the magnificent audience continuously alternating between laughter and tears. Mr. Golden is a perfect genius, and Harry Robinson is too laughable for anything. The support was very strong and good last night, and added greatly to the success. The band and orchestra are important factors contributing largely to the great success achieved. The solos were greatly appreciated and loudly cheered.

Colored Society Notes.

Mrs. Silas Vaughn, of Piedmont, is here visiting her parents and friends. She has kindly consented to preside at the organ during the exhibition, which will be given by the school at the close of the present session.

Mrs. Abanatha has returned home after a month's visit at Calcedonia.

The young people are anticipating a social hop on Thursday night, the 29th inst.

Four cakes of Fairbanks Soap—the finest laundry soap made—and a spring lock with two keys, for 25 cents, at Bonanza. This to introduce the soap, until further notice.

WANTED.—At Waterloo and Pike, Marietta county, Wis., Paving Cutters and Drillers. Good wages paid and steady work. The year round. Apply at company's office for cheap transportation, 51 Montauk Building, Chicago.

Tunnel Driftings.

The trees and bushes present a most beautiful appearance now, as they are fully leaved out on the surrounding hills and down in the Valley. We made a little mistake last week in regard to the number of flats loaded. Instead of forty cars per day, it ran up into the fifties.

Foreman Kidd is pushing the new plane rapidly to completion.

Half time was all that was made by the miners last week.

Some of the contractors that refused to work one night last week found that they had made a more serious blunder than they thought for.

The strike has lasted so long that it has lost all of its romance.

Oh, yah! plenty of cane dates. Dot strike didn't lay any of them off, by Jinks!

The shaft and its share of running last week as well as the balance of the mine.

The Brush Electric company, of Cleveland, is building the largest dynamo in the world. It is to be four times the size of "Jumbo," the machine exhibited at the Exposition in Philadelphia.

Prof. Rant's electric lights never have done better since they were first put in the mine than they are doing at the present.

Ben has sold and improved the lot of lamps that were used here, that I doubt whether Brush would know whether they were his patent or Mr. Rant's.

The mining foreman undoubtedly deserves credit for the many new devices and improvements done throughout the mines in the last two months.

Fish! Fish! Fish!!! Jimminy criminy! nothing but fish! F. H. had takes the cake for big fish and lots of them.

High school is not a monkey-wrench machinist any more. He has gone to contracting when there is work, and when there is no work, he practices on the sweatinette.

We had pay-day last Saturday, the 24th inst. I could not see any difference in the crowd at the pay office. It looked as large as usual, but probably the checks were not as large as on former pay-days.

"High Pockets" call up and see some of the old boys. Let 'em see if you have changed any.

Knights of Labor, I appeal to you in behalf of the many miners' families that today depend upon the daily wage to supply the necessities of life for the morning. Now, if you desire to aid your brother Knights, you can do so without unfeeling for injuries yourselves. The other day a car-repairer came down here and went to work on a disabled flat. Some of the Knights here interrupted him, and he quit work in consequence. Now, we have been working only half time for two months past on account of lack of railroad cars, and if we interfere in this way how can we expect better times? Will it not make things worse by taking from us even the little chance we now have to earn our daily bread?

The Mass-Meeting.

IRONTON, Mo., April 24th, 1886.

The Democrats of Iron county assembled in mass meeting in pursuance to a call of the Central Committee for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Judicial Convention to be held in Ironton, Mo., on the 15th day of June, 1886.

Upon vote, G. W. Farrar was chosen Chairman, and W. R. Read, Secretary.

Upon vote, the following were selected as delegates: W. R. Edgar, of Ironton, John Kemper, of Des Arc, and W. R. Read, of Bellevue—and instructed to cast the vote of Iron county for J. W. Emerson for Judge.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned. G. W. FARRAR, Chairman. W. R. READ, Sec'y.

Musical Concert.

The members of the M. E. Church, South, of Belgrade, Mo., will give a grand musical concert in the new church on Thursday evening, May 6th. Everybody is invited.

From Middlebrook.

Ed. Register.—Mrs. Cole and daughter, of Poplar Bluff, moved back last week for the summer.

Henry Block, leaves for Carbondale, Ill., Tuesday, to take a position as weighmaster for the St. L. O. & S. Co.

C. Osterlie will attend Circuit Court this week as grand jurymen.

Wm. Trauerlich contemplates building himself a fine house the coming summer.

The boys will have a hop in Boss' Hall to night (Monday). The first of the season, after Lent.

The Syenite Granite Co. received a carload of powder for their shaft last week.

They expect to have everything ready for the blow up by Wednesday.

Mr. A. Block and wife, of Grantville, and also Mr. Chas. Leggett and wife, of Bismarck, were in town Sunday, the guests of Mr. M. Block.

A doctor from Steno moved in town last week. The town seems to be on the boom, judging by the new-comers who are moving in.

Fishing in the creek seems to be fairly good, judging by the number some Pilot Knob boys had the other day.

Herman Held and Anne, of Pilot Knob, spent Sunday in town with Mr. Held's father. When does the wedding take place, Herman?

JOKER.

From Goodwater.

Ed. Register.—Farmers around here are quite busy now—"whooping things up lively"—breaking corn ground, fencing new ground or pastures and planting and sowing "garden truck."

Nothing worthy of mention has occurred in this vicinity of the "region round-about" since my last, but I will proceed to mention what has happened, on the principle that "half a loaf is better than no bread." Mr. "Chester" Payne purchased a two year old mule from Wm. Crocker for the sum of thirty dollars.

Last week Mr. D. S. Love spent three days on and near the "West Fork" and during that time he purchased eleven head of young cattle. Mr. Jasper Anderson bought fifteen head of sheep from George Williams, Esq., recently.

On the 4th inst., Rev. Mr. W. T. Crocker preached at our school house. It had been announced that three "candidates" for baptism by immersion would then and there have their wishes gratified; but owing to the inclemency of the weather the administration of the rite was deferred until "a more convenient season."

Miss Ava A. Cole, of Cub Creek, was over last week on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Jas. M. Lucas.

Information has just reached us that Rev. Mr. William Todd, residing near Davisville, Mo., was terribly, if not fatally injured by a kick from a mule. It is said that his jaw bone was broken.

Mr. Samuel Lucas learned recently that a short time before his father, Mr. Chas. D. Lucas, Sr., had died at his home in Virginia. The old gentleman lived to the good old age of eighty-five years, and—if reports are true—was somewhat remarkable for his strength of character and moral courage. The *Atlantic Monthly*, published at Cuckoo, Va., says of him: "The old man was as gentle as a lamb and brave as a lion."

Not a suit at law till the day of his death. Not a quid of tobacco, not a sip of brandy, not a profane word ever defiled his mouth."

Mr. Munson Ramsey, of Sunlight, Mo., recently sent his cousin, Miss Maggie Bryan, a neat and appropriate present—a pair of Pymouth Rock hens.

Messrs. Hopkins and Turner, of Courtis, Mo.,—a few miles north of here—are preparing to secure a photographic apparatus for the purpose of going into the picture-taking business.

Revs. W. T. Crocker and Roland Williams recently held a series of meetings in the Merrimac Valley, Dent county; held services daily for one week, and the following results are reported: Total number of conversions, 37. (Of whom 7 were formerly Baptists and 30 Methodists.) Number baptized during the week, 29.

At the annual school meeting, D. S. Love was once more elected to serve as school director. Attendance at said meeting was very light.

Last Sunday Jas. A. Bryan, Esq., attended the religious services held at the Turnhough schoolhouse in Crawford county.

I have been informed that Miss Lucy Knight, of Washington county, has been chosen to teach the next school at this point; school to open on the first Monday in July; also that Mr. R. J. Jacon has secured the school at Davisville, Crawford county, Mo.

April 18th, 3 p. m.—The storm, which threatened us from day to day all this week, visited us last night; it was ushered in by a passing thunder-storm at dark which was followed by several hard showers, which thoroughly saturated the earth. About 3 a. m. a very hard wind prevailed for sometime and the rain dashed and beat with much force; but at sun-rise vegetation of all kinds seemed to be refreshed and all nature rejoiced. Light showers fell at various times today and a few minutes ago we were no longer surprised by a sudden dash of genuine, old-fashioned hail.

The members of Mr. J. L. Midyett who were some time prostrated by a kind of fever are all convalescent.

Rev. Mr. Oscar Lunbeck, the newly appointed pastor on the Webster Circuit M. E. Church, was at Mr. Love's today.

W. F. Mason, Esq., of Dent county, is out on business.

M. P. Love began corn-planting yesterday. Miss Jellie is spending a week on Cub Creek among relatives.

Mr. Geo. W. Love attended church on Cub Creek last Sabbath.

EARLY CABBAGE PLANTS.—Of best varieties, and at reasonable prices, for sale by J. M. NEWMAN, Ironton.

Tomato and Sweet Potato Plants will be ready about May 1st.

OLD TIMES.

A Trip from Connecticut to Missouri in 1839.

Ed. Register.—On Monday morning, April 23d, 1886, my father and all his family said good-bye to the dear friends, relatives, and the dear old New England home, and started on that long journey to the setting sun. How distant and how little was known of that land beyond the Mississippi at that time! It was looked upon as beyond the reach of civilization, the unknown land. Well do I remember, at the meeting the night before, what a sorrowful time it was, a sort of farewell meeting. I remember the house was full of townspeople, and a good many talked and wept for the separation that was to take place; and now after all these years I look back at that Sabbath and Sabbath evening meeting with pleasure; for how little we knew of the far west, and what vast changes have taken place in that great west in the years since that time.

Now let us go back and see what sort of a home I, or we, were leaving. Our farm consisted of two hundred and ten acres of land; part on the lower lands and part on the side of the mountain. Our house, which was one of the old English style houses: square, two stories high, with two large square rooms above and below. In the front a very large sitting-room, bedroom and pantry, with fire-places in each room above and below, with a great brick oven in the side of the fire-place in the living room. The enormous quantities of brick it took to build those chimneys and what an amount of room they occupied; and such timbers in the construction of the houses! I remember in that old garret were cross-beams larger than they put in for sills of the largest houses now. Those houses were made to last forever. All the rooms were cooled with nice panels and moldings. The front entrance was large enough for a room, with wide halls and stairs.

The barns, to hold all the stock, made three sides of the yard with stable room for four pairs of horses, fifty or sixty head of cattle, two or three hundred sheep, and other stock. And the dairy house, with a lead pipe to carry the water to the house and yard and dairy house. We did not have to carry water in buckets. There was a good stream of cold spring water always running right into the sink in the kitchen. That was the kind of home we left.

As there were no railroads running farther west than from New York to Chambersburg, Pa., all movers had to take their own teams. We had sent our furniture and farm tools by ship to New Orleans to be shipped by up the Mississippi; so we took our trunks in our wagons. We had one wagon made expressly for the family, with springs, cushioned seats, and would hold six large persons, or eight or more, mixed crowd. Our baggage wagon carried all the trunks and a commensal chest, and a bed on top of the trunks. Each wagon had a good cover and had a pair of gray horses hitched to it. After all the good-byes were said, we started for Ironton. Where we dined with a cousin. Among the many good things for dinner, was a clam soup, for our cousin said, "You will see no clams in the west." After dinner we, with the horses and wagons, went aboard the steamer, *City of Justice*, Marshall, for New York. You who have never seen an ocean steamer must not compare them with the western steamers. The eastern steamers are made to sail in deep water; they have deep hulls; their cabins are down below; when in your berth, if it is on the side of the vessel, you can hear the water rush past within a few inches of your ear; you feel that there is but a plank between you and the water. And what beautiful towns and cities we passed! and every now and then we would meet ships under full canvas ploughing through the water. There is something very fascinating to me, to see a ship or steamboat ploughing its way to the westward like a bird of life. Every mile or two we would see men in boats dropping out those great long seines to catch fish; and some would be drawing them in. One end is made fast to a big post in the ground. After the men have made the circle around with the net and reached the shore again, the end of the net is made fast to a capstan, to which a horse is hitched, and as he goes round the net is brought in—sometimes with large quantities of fish, and sometimes none. And so the same changes, like a panorama, until darkness sends you down to the cabin. After supper, the evening is spent in reading, games, (not cards), until bed time. Your bed is a hammock against the side of the ship, and you feel every now and then as if your bed was trying to get out from under you. At daylight the next morning we were in that old New York harbor, and we sailed along we passed great ships from all parts of the world, going and coming. As I looked at the ships along the wharf I could think of nothing but a forest of old dead trees—the masts with the yard arms and ropes; it seemed wonderful to a boy just from the quiet New England hills. When our boat made her ship, we hitched up our teams, drove through the city to Jersey City, and put up at a hotel, had our horses fed and our own breakfasts. As I sat at the hotel I could not keep my eyes from off the ocean and the ships. There is always a peculiar feeling come over me at sight of a ship, boat, or even a canoe, that nothing else on earth gives me. After we were all refreshed, and our teams hitched up and bills settled, we set our faces "westward ho!"

Probate Docket.

Iron County, Missouri, May Term, 1886. Commencing Monday, May 31, 1886, First day of Term.

Monday, May 31, 1886, First Day of Term. David, James H., minor, C. W. H. Eaton, Curator.

Lay, J. W., minor, Belle Lay, Guardian and Curator.

Lay, Daisy B., minor, Belle Lay, Guardian and Curator.

Lay, Harvey E., minor, Belle Lay, Guardian and Curator.

Lay, Eddy C., minor, Belle Lay, Guardian and Curator.

Lay, Stephen H., minor, Belle Lay, Guardian and Curator.

Reynolds, A. H., J. H. Russell, Guardian and Curator.

Reynolds, Jas. A., Jos. A. Reynolds, Curator.

Richter, Henry J., Friedericka Richter, Guardian and Curator.

Richter, Henry, dec'd, Friedericka Richter, Executrix.

Second day, Tuesday, May 4th, 1886.

Gay, S. T. & W. T. Gay, partnership, W. T. Gay, Administrator.

Hall, Agnes, minor, Herbert H. Kiddle, Guardian and Curator.

Hall, Robert, minor, Herbert H. Kiddle, Guardian and Curator.

Haller, Elizabeth, minor, Pauline C. Haller, Guardian and Curator.

Haller, W. H. N., minor, Pauline C. Haller, Guardian and Curator.

Moser, Nora, minor, M. L. Moser, Guardian and Curator.

Razor, James, minor, I. G. Whitworth, Guardian and Curator.

Razor, Peter, minor, I. G. Whitworth, Guardian and Curator.

Rock, Corn, minor, Bernard Zwart, Guardian and Curator.

Rocke, Zolt, minor, Bernard Zwart, Guardian and Curator.

FRANZ DISCH, Judge of Probate.

or yard would be a great brick barn, the roof covered with thatch (straw). It seemed so singular to me that so much more pains should be taken with the barns than the houses. And these towns: some were so very handsome, with such nice yards and gardens filled with the choicest flowers, and large shade trees all along the road. I never saw such large cherry trees in full bloom; at my old home I saw the largest pear trees I ever saw in any country, but no such cherry trees as these; and so each hour we saw something new.

At noon we fed our horses at one of the wayside troughs, with a good feed of oats, which we bought at the house, and ate our lunch from the commissary chest, which was well filled before we left home with boiled ham, roast turkey, baked chicken, butter, cheese, pickles, preserves, bread, cookies, gingerbread, etc., etc.; so we did not stop for regular dinner. When night came on, we put up at the best hotel the place afforded; our teams were cared for, and the family assigned a large parlor for our own for the time we stayed. At supper we were seated by ourselves, with everything that was good placed before us, and excellent waiters. Most of the large houses at that time had one large table extending down the dining hall, but we were always seated at one end. After supper, we spent the evening reading, writing, or walking the street viewing the town, until at nine o'clock we all gathered in a family circle, a psalm was read and a prayer, just as at our own home; for it was our home for the night. Then we were given sleeping-rooms where sleep refreshed us for the duties of another day.

I must not forget one important factor, or two of them, rather—the two bull-dogs. They were our guards. In all the trip on land we did not remove our trunks from the wagons. Those dogs would have guarded those trunks from all the tramps in the country; we felt no fear for them. All the way those two dogs watched over everything; one of the family could not get out of the wagon, as they frequently did to rest themselves and boggle along behind, without one of the dogs keeping at their side; and at night the wagons were shut in the wagon-yard and a dog in each wagon.

In the morning, before breakfast was ready, we boys would go to the stable to see that our horses had been well cared for, and then take a stroll through the town to see the sights and get some fresh meat for the day's breakfast. After we had partaken of our breakfast, and had prayers in our room, our teams were brought to the door and the bills paid. The host would help us in, and with a "good-bye, come again," we were off for another day's journey.

I cannot recall each town where we tarried for the night, just as they came, after all this lapse of time—almost half a century—but I think of some such as Bristol on the Delaware, near where Washington crossed the fields of Lee; Columbia on the Susquehanna; Gettysburg, the place where one of the greatest battles that was ever fought on American soil occurred. It is a beautiful place, and I should love to go over the place once more and see the changes that have taken place since the night we stopped there. There is some charming scenery along that part of the country. The weather, from the time we started, had been very fine and spring-like, with fruit trees and wild flowers in full bloom, until the Friday of the second week. It then set in a cold rain about eleven o'clock, and rained till Sunday in the night. We were within a few miles of Bedford, on the Juniata river. The famous mineral springs were at this place. When we reached Bedford we put up at a large stone hotel, a splendid building, with one of the finest landings I ever met. Here we made our home till Monday noon. This was our second Sabbath out.

R. P. T.